

REMARKS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

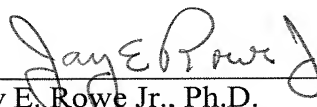
- Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a SiOx powder.
- Group II: Claims 4-8, drawn to a method for producing an SiOx powder using a monosilane gas and a gas capable of oxidizing.
- Group III: Claim 9, drawn to a film made from the powder.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 4-8, for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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